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11. (C) In a September 18 meeting with arko Purkart of the Slovenian Foreign Ministry's Security Policy Division, Pol-Econ Chief conveyed U.S. support for EU involvement on the Lebanon-Syria border along the lines discussed reftel. Purkart described the EU state of play on a possible border mission, explaining that there had been a positive, but not conclusive discussion. Given the lack of political agreement on how to engage on the goals of a border mission, he said that the EU was unlikely to speed up the process. According to Purkart, the EU would probably send a fact-finding mission to the region and, following the fact-finding mission's report, take at least three-four months to get something going on the ground. He noted that Solana had heard U.S. concerns, which would be taken into account.
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